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PSC SETS HEARING SCHEDULE IN LACLEDE NATURAL GAS RATE CASE

JEFFERSON CITY---The Missouri Public Service Commission will hold hearings starting in mid-July in a natural gas rate case filed by Laclede Gas Company. Hearings, to be held in Room 310 of the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, are scheduled for **July 23-27, 2007** and from **July 30, 2007 through August 3, 2007**.

These hearings will be held in a building that meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If any person needs additional accommodations to participate in any hearing, please call the Missouri Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the hearings.

Applications to intervene and participate in this rate case must be filed no later than **January 3, 2007**, with the Secretary of the Missouri Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102. Copies of the application should be sent to: Michael C. Pendergast, Laclede Gas Company, 720 Olive Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63101; and the Office of the Public Counsel, P.O. Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-2230.

The Office of the Public Counsel is a separate state agency which represents the general public in matters before the Commission. Individual citizens wishing to comment should contact either the Office of the Public Counsel (Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Suite 650, P.O. Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, telephone 573-751-4857, e-mail opcservice@ded.mo.gov) or the Public Service Commission Staff (P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, telephone 1-800-392-4211, e-mail pscinfo@psc.mo.gov).

On December 1, 2006, Laclede Gas Company filed a rate case with the Missouri Public Service Commission seeking to increase natural gas revenues by approximately \$44.9 million a year. According to Laclede, the proposed increase would be approximately \$6.50 a month for a typical residential customer.

The Commission will hold local public hearings to receive customer comment on the Laclede rate proposal. Dates, times and locations will be announced when finalized.

Laclede Gas Company serves approximately 631,000 natural gas customers in the City of St. Louis as well as the Missouri counties of St. Louis, St. Charles, Butler, Iron, Franklin, Jefferson, Madison, St. Francois and Ste. Genevieve.